

**DRAFT
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL)**

**For
Fecal and Total Coliform**

**In
Manatee River Basin
(HUC 03100202)**

**(Includes TMDLs for Gamble Creek, Gap Creek, Williams Creek,
and Wares Creek)**

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Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. §1313(d)(1)(C), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's implementing regulation, 40 CFR §130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for waters identified by states as not meeting water quality standards under authority of §303(d)(1)(A) of the CWA. Each of these TMDLs are to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety, accounting for lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between pollutant loading and water quality.

EPA is proposing the TMDLs included in this document as required by the 1999 Consent Decree entered in the case of Florida Wildlife Federation, Inc., et al. v. Carol M. Browner, et al., No. 4:98CV356-WS (N.D. Fla., Tallahassee Division, April 22, 1998). The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) was the primary author of these TMDL as indicated by the various reports. The FDEP could not submit these TMDLs to EPA for approval/disapproval action in the allocated timeframe provided in the Consent Decree. However, the FDEP is continuing the process of establishing these TMDLs to submit to EPA for approval/disapproval action. It is EPA's expectation that FDEP will establish the TMDLs included in this document and submit to EPA in the near future. At this time, EPA proposes these TMDLs under V.A.1 of the Consent Decree.

The following TMDL reports are available as separate files:

Attachment A: Fecal and Total Coliform TMDLs for Gamble Creek (WBID 1819)

Attachment B: Fecal Coliform TMDL for Gap Creek (WBID 1899)

Attachment C: Fecal and Total Coliform TMDLs for Williams Creek (WBID 1901)

Attachment D: Fecal and Total Coliform TMDLs for Wares Creek (WBID 1848C)